

PUBLIC NOTICE

Cherrystone Family Camping Resort, 1511 Townfields Drive, Cheriton, VA has applied for an expanded use ground water withdrawal permit, pursuant to Section 62.1-266 of the Ground Water Management Act of 1992 and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Ground Water Withdrawal Regulation (9 VAC 25-610-10 et seq), to increase their currently permitted withdrawal amount to an annual average of 30,411 gallons per day of ground water at Cherrystone Campground which is located off of Lankford Highway (Route 13) west of the Town of Cheriton at the end of Route 680 in Northampton County, VA. The nature of the applicant's withdrawal may result in monthly withdrawals of up to 3,310,000 gallons on a seasonal basis. The DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue a permit. The ground water withdrawal will support the following beneficial use: to provide a water supply for the campground and adjacent aquaculture operations, including anticipated campground growth during the ten-year permit period. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Middle Yorktown aquifer approximately located at a depth between 134 and 205 feet below land surface and the Lower Yorktown aquifer approximately located at a depth between 238 and 318 feet below land surface.

Any persons wishing to submit comments relative to this permit application must submit comments, filings, protests, requests for a public hearing, or any other correspondence to the following address: Department of Environmental Quality, Attn: Hank Ghittino, Tidewater Regional Office, 5636 Southern Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA 23462 or by email to hlghittino@deq.state.va.us. Comments shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and shall contain a complete and concise statement of the factual basis for the comments. Only those comments received prior to the end of the 30-day comment period will be considered during the Board's final decision on the permit. The 30-day comment period will end at 4 p.m. on March 15, 2004. The Director of the Department of Environmental Quality will consider all written comments and requests for an informal hearing. Determination on the necessity of an informal hearing will be made in accordance with 9 VAC 25-230-50 of the Procedural Rule No. 1 (9 VAC 25-230-10 et seq). The Director may dispense with an informal hearing and grant the permit or transmit the application or request to the Board for its decision.

Further information or a copy of the draft permit may be obtained by contacting Hank Ghittino at (757) 518-2197.